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ORIGIN

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1. A conference was held at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Province of Saxony-Anhalt on 18 June 1947, to discuss jurisdiction over patent registrations. Those participating were Ministerial-director Schleichach; Provincial Court Director Dr. Niethammer of the Ministry of Justice; Justiciary Hauke of the Ministry of Economics; Engineer Michaelis of the Economic Planning Section of the Ministry of Economics; and Peters, a patent lawyer from Halle/Saale.
2. Agreement was reached by the conference on several points:
 - a. The principal problem in registering patents was not technical significance, but protection of the inventor's priority rights. The patent office, which had formerly been attached to the Ministry of Justice, was to continue under the same jurisdiction to receive registrations of new patents.
 - b. Patent registrations in Saxony-Anhalt were confirmed by the Russian Occupation authorities, who had all registrations submitted to them at regular intervals. The same arrangement was said to be followed also in Land Thuringia.
 - c. The patent registration in Saxony-Anhalt had been so arranged that inventors held back their more important and significant inventions and did not register them, because they feared infringements on their rights both as individuals and as inventors.

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